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45/13. Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity, 1/

Recalling its previous resolutions on the enhancement of co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity and the practical measures taken for their implementation,

Recalling also its resolutions S-13/2 of 1 June 1986, the annex to which contains the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990, 43/12 of 25 October 1988 and 43/27 of 18 November 1988 on the mid-term review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action,

Recalling further its resolution 44/17 of 1 November 1989 on co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity which, inter alia, called for the increased support of the United Nations and the relevant agencies of the United Nations system for the establishment of an African economic community,

Taking note of the relevant resolutions, decisions and declarations adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its fifty-second ordinary session, held at Addis Ababa from 3 to 8 July 1990, 2/ and by the Assembly

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1/ A/45/364 and Add.1.

2/ A/45/482, annex I.

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of Heads of State and Government of that organization at its twenty-sixth ordinary session, held at Addis Ababa from 9 to 11 July 1990, 3/

Considering the important statement made by the current Chairman of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity before the General Assembly on 1 October 1990, 4/

Mindful of the need for continued and closer co-operation between the United Nations and the specialized agencies and the Organization of African Unity,

Also mindful of the current political development in South Africa and conscious of the need to provide increased assistance to the people of South Africa and to their national liberation movements in their legitimate struggle to eradicate the policies of apartheid,

Deeply concerned that the critical economic situation persists in Africa despite the policies of reform being implemented by African countries,

Also concerned that some constraints continue to pose critical obstacles to African economic growth and development, including those in the external arena, such as the collapse of prices of Africa's primary commodities, severe debt-servicing burdens and limited availability of finance,

Aware of the efforts under way by the Organization of African Unity and its member States in the area of economic integration and, in particular, towards the establishment of an African economic community,

Conscious of its responsibilities to provide economic, material and humanitarian assistance to independent States in southern Africa to help them cope with the situation resulting from the acts of aggression and destabilization committed by the apartheid régime of South Africa,

Deeply concerned at the gravity of the situation of the refugees and displaced persons in Africa and the urgent need for increased international assistance to help African countries of asylum,

Recognizing the important role that the United Nations information system could play in disseminating information to bring about a greater awareness of the grave situation prevailing in southern Africa as well as the social and economic problems and the needs of African States and their regional and subregional institutions,

Expressing its gratitude for the continued financial and other support extended to Africa by the international community and especially by the donor countries,

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3/ Ibid., annex II.

4/ See A/45/PV.15.

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity and of his efforts to strengthen this co-operation;

2. Notes with appreciation the increasing and continued participation of the Organization of African Unity in the work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and its constructive contribution to that work;

3. Also notes with appreciation the efforts undertaken by the Secretary-General to implement General Assembly resolutions 43/12, 43/27 and 44/17 which, inter alia, led to the establishment of a group of experts to undertake an in-depth assessment of the question of commodities of interest to Africa and the scope for export diversification;

4. Further notes with appreciation the efforts undertaken by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity to reactivate the consultative mechanism between the two organizations;

5. Commends the continued efforts of the Organization of African Unity to promote multilateral co-operation among African States and requests the United Nations system to continue to lend its support;

6. Reaffirms that the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990 is the responsibility of the international community as a whole and decides that the final review and evaluation of its implementation by the United Nations General Assembly at the forty-sixth session in 1991 should be prepared by an ad hoc committee of the whole of the General Assembly;

7. Calls upon the Secretary-General of the United Nations to continue to strengthen co-operation and co-ordination with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity in the preparation of the final review of the Programme of Action by the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session;

8. Also calls upon the Secretary-General of the United Nations, notwithstanding the competence of the multilateral financial institutions, to co-operate with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity to contribute to the implementation of measures aimed at a lasting solution to Africa's debt and debt-servicing burden, taking into account Africa's common position on its external debt, adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its third extraordinary session, held at Addis Ababa on 30 November and 1 December 1987; 5/

5/ A/42/874, annex II.

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9. Urges all Member States and regional and international organizations, in particular those of the United Nations system, to continue to extend maximum support to those projects and programmes undertaken by African countries within the framework of the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa 6/ and the Final Act of Lagos 7/ and Africa's Priority Programme for Economic Recovery 1986-1990; 8/

10. Requests all Member States, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and all other relevant organs of the United Nations, as well as non-governmental organizations, to contribute to African economic integration and co-operation by reactivating and increasing financial and technical assistance to programmes and projects of regional economic integration and co-operation of African regional and subregional organizations such as the Preferential Trade Area for Eastern and Southern African States, Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference, Economic Community of Central African States, Economic Community of West African States, Arab Maghreb Union as well as those for drought and desertification such as the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and the Intergovernmental Authority for Drought and Development;

11. Reiterates its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his continued efforts to mobilize international support for special programmes of economic assistance to African States facing grave economic difficulties, as well as to the front-line States and other independent States of southern Africa to help them to withstand the effects of the acts of aggression and destabilization committed by the apartheid régime of South Africa;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to keep the Organization of African Unity informed periodically of measures taken by the United Nations system and by the international community in support of the implementation of special programmes of economic assistance in Africa;

13. Also requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the relevant agencies of the United Nations system to continue to extend their support and co-operation through the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity to the member States of that organization in their efforts to enhance African economic integration by the establishment of an African economic community, in accordance with relevant resolutions of the Organization of African Unity; 9/

6/ A/S-11/14, annex I.

7/ Ibid., annex II.

8/ A/40/666, annex I, Declaration AHG/Decl. 1 (XXI), annex.

9/ For the texts of the relevant resolutions of the Organization of African Unity, see A/45/482, annex II, and A/42/699, annex II.

14. Expresses its appreciation to the United Nations system and the international community for the assistance so far rendered to the African States in dealing with the emergency situation as well as with the critical economic problems that exist on the African continent, and urges them to increase this assistance;

15. Urges all Member States and regional and international organizations, in particular those of the United Nations system, as well as non-governmental organizations to provide material and economic assistance to African countries of asylum to enable them to withstand the heavy burden imposed on their limited resources and weak infrastructure by the presence in their countries of large numbers of refugees;

16. Requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to strengthen co-operation at the political, economic, cultural and administrative levels between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, particularly with regard to the provision of assistance to the victims of colonialism and apartheid in southern Africa;

17. Urges the international community to contribute generously to the Assistance Fund for the Struggle against Colonialism and Apartheid, established by the Organization of African Unity, and to the Action for Resisting Invasion, Colonialism and Apartheid Fund, established by the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries; 10/

18. Reiterates the determination of the United Nations, in co-operation with the Organization of African Unity, to intensify its efforts to eliminate racial discrimination and apartheid in southern Africa;

19. Endorses the agreement reached between the organizations of the United Nations system and the Organization of African Unity for the convening of a mid-term review meeting between the secretariats of those organizations, to be held at the headquarters of the Organization of African Unity during April 1991 in order to evaluate the progress achieved in the implementation of the proposals and recommendations agreed upon in April 1990 on the co-operation between the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations system for 1990/1991 and to adopt new measures for their effective implementation;

20. Requests the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity to continue to hold regular consultations, as and when appropriate, between representatives of the Secretariat of the United Nations and the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity on the implementation of the present resolution;

21. Calls upon the competent organs of the United Nations system to continue to ensure the just and equitable representation of Africa at senior and policy levels at their respective headquarters and in their regional and field operations;

10/ A/42/422, annex III.

22. Calls upon the United Nations organs - in particular the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council, the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Special Committee against Apartheid - to continue to associate closely the Organization of African Unity with all their activities concerning Africa;

23. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to continue to invite the representative of the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity to participate in the meetings of the United Nations Steering Committee and its Inter-Agency Task Force and working groups on the final review of the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990; 11/

24. Also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that adequate facilities continue to be made available to enhance continued liaison and consultations on matters of common interest as well as the provision of technical assistance to the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity, as required;

25. Further requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution and on the development of co-operation between the Organization of African Unity and the organizations within the United Nations system.

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11/ See A/42/560 and Corr.1, paras. 121 and 122, and A/43/664 and Corr.1, para. 42.